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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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The independent claims on file all relate to a compound selected from 2-‘4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl!-acetic acid or amide derivative, optical isomer or salt thereof. In contrast thereto dependent claim 10 is directed to N-ethoxy substituted diarylmethylpiperazines, which do not fall within the generally accepted meaning of the term 2-‘4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl!-acetic acid or amide derivative as it is used in the independent claims. Apparently the application tries to give said term a particular quite broader meaning as defining compounds according to formula (I) (cf. application on file page 4, line 12-28). As long as this particular definition is not made part of the claims the requirements for clarity are not fulfilled (Article 6 PCT). Thus, for the search the independent claims have been considered as relating to compounds according to formula (I).

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